

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 91-12 As Amended

Introduced by Council President Wilson at the request
of the County Executive
Legislative Day No. 91-7 Date March 5, 1991

AN ACT to repeal, in its entirety, Article XIII, Housing Commission, of Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Councils, Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended; and to add new Article XIII, Housing and Community Development Commission, to Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Councils, Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended; and to further repeal Resolution No. 11-85 and incorporate its concepts in new Article XIII.

By the Council, March 5, 1991

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled
on: April 2, 1991
at: 6:30 P.M.

By Order: Doris Paulsen, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 2, 1991, and concluded on, April 2, 1991

Doris Paulsen, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 WHEREAS, the County Council declares that it is a subject of
2 concern that many lower income residents of this County are
3 experiencing hardship as a result of problems in connection with
4 housing; and

5 WHEREAS, there exists a need to undertake a comprehensive
6 review of housing needs, including an identification of the need,
7 various ways to meet the need, and a process for implementation of
8 solutions; and

9 WHEREAS, there exists a need to examine financial and
10 technical resources for the development of affordable housing and
11 to be reasonably certain that the poorest of households are not
12 excluded; and

13 WHEREAS, there exists a need to determine practical approaches
14 to produce affordable housing, including the identification of all
15 available resources for the production of affordable housing; and

16 WHEREAS, there exists a need to address concerns relating to
17 the homeless in the County, including an examination of means to
18 provide cost effective ways of providing temporary housing;
19 coordination and cooperation between agencies; maximization of
20 volunteer efforts, and to advise the County Executive, County
21 Council, and Housing Agency on these matters; and

22 WHEREAS, there exists a need to address affirmative action in
23 the housing market to assure equal opportunities for all citizens.
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25 Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Enacted By The County Council Of
26 Harford County, Maryland, THAT COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 11-
27 85 BE, AND HEREBY IS REPEALED AND that Article XIII, Housing

Commission, of Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Councils, Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be and hereby is repealed in its entirety and that new Article XIII, Housing and Community Development Commission be, and hereby is added to the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

Chapter 9. Boards, Councils, Agencies.

ARTICLE XIII. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

SECTION 9-82. MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; COMPOSITION.

A. THE HOUSING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HEREINAFTER CALLED "COMMISSION") OF THE COUNTY SHALL CONSIST OF FIFTEEN (15) MEMBERS, ~~APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER.~~ MEMBERS. OF THE MEMBERS, 13 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL, AND 2 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL.

B. THE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT. APPOINTEES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT. VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS.

C. MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED ~~BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BASED ON THEIR INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE IN HOUSING, REAL ESTATE, FINANCE, BUSINESS, BANKING, BUILDING, DEVELOPMENT, AND HUMAN RESOURCES. AND DEVELOPMENT.~~ AT LEAST 6 MEMBERS SHALL HAVE INTEREST OR EXPERIENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCES, AND GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE BALANCED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHENEVER POSSIBLE. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION WITH RESPECT TO RACE, GENDER, GEOGRAPHY, AND POLITICAL

1 AFFILIATION, WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

2 SECTION 9-83. CHAIR.

3 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL ANNUALLY DESIGNATE ONE OF THE
4 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AS CHAIR AND ONE MEMBER AS VICE-CHAIR.

5 SECTION 9-84. MEETINGS.

6 THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD SUCH MEETINGS AS MAY BE NECESSARY
7 FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS, BUT NOT LESS THAN ONCE A
8 MONTH.

9 SECTION 9-85. SALARIES AND COMPENSATION.

10 THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT
11 COMPENSATION, BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED
12 IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS PROVIDED THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
13 BUDGET.

14 SECTION 9-86. POWERS AND DUTIES.

15 A. THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE:

16 1. TO EVALUATE AND STUDY THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE
17 COUNTY.

18 2. TO PREPARE A HOUSING STRATEGY PLAN.

19 3. TO EXAMINE ALL POSSIBLE INNOVATIVE FINANCIAL AND
20 TECHNICAL RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL
21 HOUSING.

22 4. TO IDENTIFY ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR THE
23 PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH PROGRAMS ARE PRESENTLY
24 BEING USED, AND DETERMINE PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO PRODUCE
25 AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

26 5. TO ADVISE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL
27 AND THE HOUSING AGENCY ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE HOUSING

1 SITUATION IN THE COUNTY.

2 6. TO MEET AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE HOUSING
3 SITUATION IN THE COUNTY TO INTERESTED CITIZENS.

4 7. TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE,
5 COUNCIL, AND HOUSING AGENCY.

6 B. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE
7 FOR REFERENCE TO THE COMMISSION, FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS,
8 ANY ADDITIONAL MATTER RELATED TO THE COMMISSION'S FUNCTIONS AND
9 DUTIES.

10 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that this act shall take
11 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

12 EFFECTIVE: July 12, 1991
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BY THE COUNCIL

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Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 91-13 (May 7, 1991)

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for her approval this 8th day of May, 1991
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Eileen M. Behrman
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Date May 13, 1991

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, (No. 91-12 As Amended), having been approved by the
Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on May 13, 1991.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 12, 1991